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1. In February 1954, a total of 4,611 freight cars loaded with grain arrived in the GDR via Frankfurt/Oder and 1,183 cars via Guben.¹
2. In February, a total of 22 railroad tank cars loaded with gasoline, representing a total of 81,000 tons, were dispatched from Boehlen to Brest Litovsk.²
3. Uranium ore shipments dispatched to Brest Litovsk included: 53 boxcar loads from Aue on 16 February, 43 and 46 bogie loads from Schwarzenberg on 20 and 28 February, respectively.
4. Between 20 and 27 February 1954, a train of 50 to 60 empty railroad tank cars passed through Ebersbach en route to Hohenau or Matzen in Austria. During the reported period no loaded tank cars arrived via Ebersbach; all such tank cars were dispatched through Bad Schandau.³
5. On 1 March 1954, 60 railroad tank cars loaded with gasoline were dispatched from Grosskorbetha to Stettin.²
6. Rail shipments observed at the Frankfurt/Oder marshalling yard between 7 and 12 March included:

| Date in March | Name and Type of Freight Cars | Load | From | To |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 7 | 46 B | uranium ore | Frankfurt/Oder | Brest Litovsk |
| | 52 G and F | iron ore | Brest Litovsk | Frankfurt/Oder ⁴ |
| 8 | 54 B | empty | Frankfurt/Oder | Brest Litovsk |
| | 52 G and F | boxes and travelling cranes | " | " |
| 9 | 56 B and F | boxes, machinery | " | " |
| | 55 B and F | boxes, tubing | " | " |
| | 52 F | empty | " | " |

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| 11 | 54 G | empty | Frankfurt/Oder | Brest Litovsk |
| | 54 B and F | armor plates, iron tubing | Brest Litovsk | Frankfurt/Oder |
| | 54 G | empty | Frankfurt/Oder | Brest Litovsk |
| | 55 B | undetermined | Brest Litovsk | Frankfurt/Oder |
| 12 | 54 G | iron ore | " | " |
| | 35 Tk | empty | " | " |
| | 18 B | undetermined | | |
| | 46 B and F | 3 railroad cranes, Frankfurt/Oder cable | Brest Litovsk | |

Note: B stands for boxcar, G for gondola car, F for flat cars, and Tk for tank car.

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1. [redacted] Comment. In January 1954, a total of 2,182 car loads of grain arrived via Frankfurt/Oder and 633 car loads via Guben. [redacted] 25X1A This indicates that grain imports doubled during the reported period.

25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. Deliveries by East German hydrogenation plants to the USSR and empty tank cars returned to Germany.

25X1A 3. [redacted] Comment. These empty cars had carried crude oil from Austria to the GDR. The Ebersbach border station is occasionally used for such shipments.

25X1A 4. [redacted] Comment. Iron ore deliveries from the USSR to the Foundry Combine East at Fuerstenberg on the Oder River. In December 1953 and January 1954, respectively, 47,936 tons and 37,635 tons of iron ore were imported. [redacted].

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